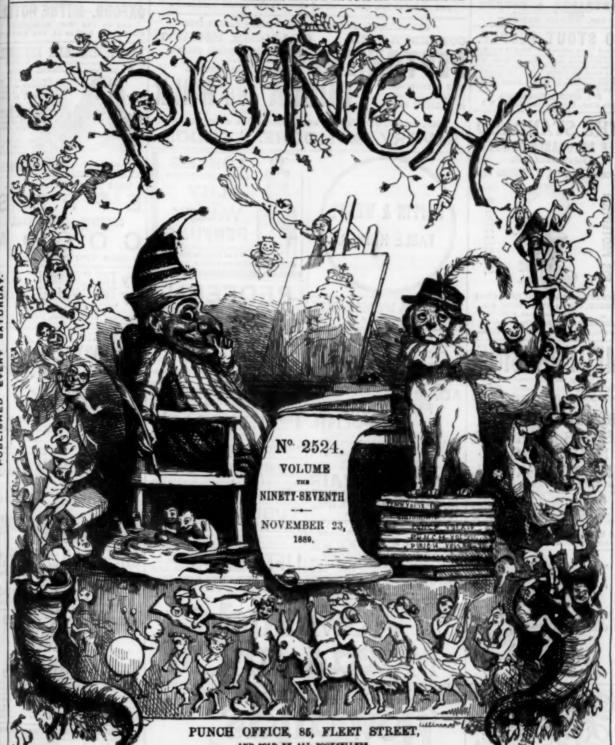
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#### MR. PUNCH'S MODEL MUSIC-HALL SONGS. No. XII.-THE PLAINTIVELY PATHETIC.

No. XII.—The Plaintively Pathetic.

A Music-hall audience will always be exceedingly susceptible to Pathos—so long as they clearly understand that the song is not intended to be of a comic nature. However, there is very little danger of any misapprehension in the case of our present example, which is as natural and affecting a little song as any that have been moving the Music-Halls of late. The ultra-fastidious may possibly be repelled by what they would term the vulgarity of the title,—"The Night-light Ever Burning by the Bed"—but, although it is true that this humble luminary is now more generally called a "Fairy Lamp," persons of true taste and refinement will prefer the homely simplicity of its earlier name. The song only contains three verses, which is the regulation allowance for Music-hall pathos, the authors probably feeling that the audience could not stand any more. It should be explained that the "tum-tum" at the end of certain lines is not intended to be sung—it is merely an indication to the orchestra to pinch their violins in a pizzicato manner. The Singer should either come on as a serious Black Man—for burnt cork is a marvellous provocative of Pathos—or as his ordinary self. In either case he should wear evening dress, with a large brilliant on each hand. each hand

#### THE NIGHT-LIGHT EVER BURNING BY THE BED.

First Verse.

I've been thinking of the home where my early years were spent, 'Neath the care of a kind maiden aunt, (Tum-tum-tum!)
And to go there once again has been often my intent,
But the fare is so expensive that I can't! (Tum-tum!)
Still I never can forget that night when last we met:
"Oh, promise me—whate'er you do!" ahe said, (Tum-tum-tum!)
"Wear flannel next your chest, and, when you go to rest,
Keep a night-light always burning by your bed!" (Tum-tum!)

Refrain (pianissimo).

And my eyes are dim and wet;
For I seem to hear them yet—
Those solemn words at parting that she said: (Tum-tum-tum!)

"Now, mind you burn a night-light,
—"Twill last until it's quite light—
In a saucerful of water by your bed!" (Tum-tum!)

Second Verse. I promised as she wished, and her tears I gently dried,
As she gave me all the halfpence that she had: (Tum-tum-tum!)
And through the world e'er since I have wandered far and wide,
And been gradually going to the bad! (Tum-tum!)

Many a folly and a crime I 've committed in my time,

For a lawless and a chequered life I 've led! (Tum-tum-tum.')

Still I 've kept the promise sworn—flannel next my skin I 've worn,

And I 've always burnt a night-light by my bed! (Tum-tum!)

Refrain.

All unhallowed my pursuits,
(Oft to bed I've been in boots!)
Still o'er my uneasy slumber has been shed (Tum-tum-tum!)
The moderately bright light
Afforded by a night-light,
In a saucerful of water by my bed! (Tum-tum!)

Third Verse. (To be sung with increasing solemnity.)

little while ago, in a dream my aunt I saw; In her frill-surrounded night-cap there she stood!

(Tum-tum-tum !) And I sought to hide my head 'neath the counterpane in awe, And I sought to hide my head 'neath the counterpain in awe,
And I trembled—for my conscience isn't good! (Tum-tum!)
But her countenance was mild—so indulgently she smiled
That I knew there was no further need for dread! (Tum-tum-tum!)
She had seen the flannel vest enveloping my chest,
And the night-light in its saucer by my bed! (Tum-tum!)

Refrain (more pianissimo still).

But ere a word she spoke,
I unhappily awoke!
And away, alas! the beauteous vision fied! (Tum-tum-tum!)
(In mournful recitation)—There was nothing but the slight light
Of the melancholy night-light
That was burning in a saucer by my bed! (Tum-tum!)

#### WHAT MR. PUNCH'S MOON SAW.

TWENTY-SIXTH EVENING.



"Have you ever suffered from what the Germans call Katzenjammer?" asked the Moon the other evening,—"you remember
how I told you long ago about
the poor Ant who suffered from
a hopeless passion, which I at
first took for Welt-schmerz—only worse.
The sufferer creates all his
unhappiness himself, and no
tortures inflicted by other
people could possibly be more
oruelly ingenious. Not long
ago I saw an unfortunate man
who had Katzenjammer very
badly. I looked through his
window and saw him sitting
in a comfortable chair by a
cheerful fire; the room was
most luxuriously! furnished,
in the warm firelight. But that was before I knew how terribly
unhappy he was. He was all alone: none of his friends had come
near him, he more than suspected that several of them had decided
to drop his acquaintance of late; there was no one, no one in all the
world to care for him, which was most distressing. Then he looked
at his dog, which was lying stretched out on the hearth-rug. Even
the dog didn't really love him! No, he was certain of it. By way
of experiment he called to it softly—and the hardhearted animal
went on basking, with no response beyond a sleepy grunt! Ah, it
was selfish—like the rest of the world; he was alone,—quite—quite
alone! And, as he realised this, the poor man leaned his head on
his hand and gave a heart-broken sigh, that awoke even the dog.
Discovering, by some mysterious instinct dogs have, that his master
was in low spirits and needed consolation, he rose and stretched
himself, and then came and laid his head on the man's knee, looking
up into his face with eyes that spoke too plainly of honest affection
to render any further doubt possible.

"You would have fanoied that the poor man would have been
comforted a little, would you not?—but not at all! He turned
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to render any further doubt possible.

"You would have fancied that the poor man would have been comforted a little, would you not?—but not at all! He turned away his face with a heavy sigh—more miserable than ever. The dog loved him—that was natural enough—but a dismal conviction had just begun to oppress him, and it almost made him, strong man as he was, cry when he thought of it, and yet it became more and more clear every moment. He didn't love the dog! Ah! this Katzsnjammer is a terrible complaint, and it is only very rude and unsympathetic persons who would mock at it," said the Moon, with real feeling in her voice, and, as she spoke, a cloud hid her face, and Mr. Punch saw no more of her that evening.



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#### TOILERS OF THE SEX.

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Acting on your orders, I have just completed a round of houses in the alums of East London, in order to find out how poor work-women are housed, and what sort of life they really live.

I began with Paradise Place, Whiteditch, and regret to report that I was here assailed by criss of, "Give us a copper, Gentleman!" emanating from the juvenile population. Passing on, I entered a dilapidated dwelling where resides a band-box maker, 'maned Susan M., and knocked at the door of her single apartment. At first she appeared to resent my visit, and inquired with some emphasis, "Who the dickens I was?" My impression is that she took me for the broker's man, as she began to babble of unpaid rent; but being reassured on this score, she was at length-with some difficulty—induced to give me an account of her day's work, which may be of interest to your readers.

"I start working at 3 A.M. Yes, every plessed morning of my life. When do I work? As well as hereby to the work of the word of the w

afford me more than twopence a waistooat, and find everything myself, including buttons. I am glad when I make half-a-crown a week, working sixteen hours a day. Thank you for your sympathy, but I'd rather it had been the price of a blanket. Mind you don't fall into the dust-bin at the bottom of the stairs. Who owns these houses? Mr. SCREW—he's on the Vestry. He ought to be on the Treadmill. Don't tell him I told you this, or we shall be turned out. Complain to the Inspector? If he interferes, SCREW 'll turn him out."

Mr. TURNSCREW would seem a more appropriate name. I will (if I manage to escape blood-poisoning, of which I have every symptom at present) continue my investigations in another locality.

[N.B.—This must be seen to.]

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CHORUS OF SLUM LODGERS.

CHORUS OF SLOW LODGERS.

WE are fainting, wasting, worn and weary,
Fighting with a fate that nothing mends;
Hid away in alleys dark and dreary,
Wanting even sympathetic friends!
'Mid an atmosphere with poison reeking,
In a stifling room some eight feet square.
Roofs that let in water, gutters leaking,
Dust-bins, drainage,—all beyond repair;
Here we drag out our existence daily,
Wondering if we can bear much more;
Yet the Landlord takes his "rents" quite gaily,
And upon us seems to set some store!

And upon us seems to set some store! Let illness come, and one be stricken, On one alone the blow will not fall; Pent up in here, we're bound to sieken, Fever for one means fever for all!

Fever for one means fever for all!
Yet some perhaps for a change may crave,
And, willing enough to change their camp,
Glad to get rest in a parish grave,
That pr'aps may prove a trifle less damp.
So life grows drearier day by day,
And it sinks in squalor as 'neath a curse.
The Vestry may have its feeble say,—
Yet things merely move from bad to worse!
So we, in our chains all helpless bound,
Strain our eyes in hope to see the end,
And stretch out hands as we gaze around,
Beseeching the aid of one kind friend.
Will he come and cheer us in the fight?
Will he utter the word to set us free?



"IS IT A FAILURE P"

Mamma (their last unmarried Daughter having just accepted on offer). "Well, George, now the Girls are all happily settled, I think we may consider ourselves fortunate, and that Marriage isn't—"

Papa (a pessimist). "Um—'don't know! Four Families to keep 'strad of One!"

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FEATHERS OR FURP"

"WHAT 'VE YOU GOT?" "COCK PHEASANT!" "Nonsense, Man! It's a Rabbit."

"WELL, P'R'APS IT IS-ANTHOW I KNOO I'D 'IT SOMETHING!

#### JOURNAL OF A ROLLING STONE.

FIRST ENTRY.

Much the rummiest product of Nineteenth Century are its Governors." Name perhaps rather a mistake, because in most cases they "reign but don't govern." Mine doesn't, anyhow. Offers a good deal of gratuitous advice, however.

"What you ought to do," he remarks, "now that you have left College and are

of mountaineering. I'm not. If Governor's friend would provide me with a lift just here, it would come in useful.

"Old Tim Gireony" turns out to be not half a bad chappy. Gives me comfortable chair to sit down in while he reads the letter. Tim is a bit of a wag, it seems. Says, at end,

"Your father writes that he hopes if I can't see you now, I'll give you an appointment for some other day? It strikes me, young man, that's just what you do want—an appointment—eh? Ha, ha!" And Tim laughs at his own joke.

I admit the accusation, readily. A wild idea crosses my brain. Is Tim Gireony going to crown my aspirations? Picture him rising from his seat, coming towards me with benevolent aspect.

"What you ought to do," he remarks, now that you have left College and are looking about for an opening somewhere, is to gain success in life by steady application." My reply is, I fancy, rather able.

"Steady application." I exclaim. "I will give you an appointment, and at once. A valuable one, too, beguently think of it." the Gureore, of the Exprepriation Department; I'll give you an appointment, and at once. A valuable one, too, the last two months to various Government of Gureore, of the Exprepriation Department; I'll give you a line to him. He's pretty high up the tree there. Ferhaps he'll be able to give you a lift."

Sounds rather promising. The institution of the Governor may be worth preserving, after all! Stroll towards Whitehall.

Am pretty well-known by this time at Exprepriation Office. Consequently Usher, or Door-keeper, or whoever he is, whom I tipped at Christmas, admits me into the Presence before my proper turn. Intense indignation excited thereby in breast of individual with large red muffler, who looks like a bosun's mate, or skipper of a North Sea fishing smask run up to town for a holiday.

We hear his loud expostulations (as if he were hailing a passing through a speaking-trumpet) echoing down corridors till we turn a corner and lose the sound. Ask friendly Usher who the gentleman is. "That old fogey?" he replies. "Don't know, and don't care. Let 'im bellow!"

Feel, though I am glad to be admitted first, that I can understand mental attitude of people who call these Ushers jacks-in-office. But why "Jack?" Go up no end of steps. Usher used to this sort

"A pity," are his last words, "a great pity you're not Scotch."

I begin to feel that it is, although the feeling is not patriotic.
Wonder, on the way downstairs, if they say—"A great pity you're not English"—when a Scotch fellow tries for an appointment of any kind at Edinburgh?

Fassing a door, hear somebody inside getting what sounds like an official "wigging." "Didn't know who the gentleman was?"—a stern voice is saying. "Did you ask?"
"No, Sir, I didn't"—is the reply, and I at once recognise the tones of the friendly Usher who let me in before the indignant seacaptain—"expectin as 'ow the gent 'isself would have giv' me his cast if so he that"—

cardain—"expectin" as 'ow the gent 'isself would have giv' me his card, if so be that"

"Then let me tell you that the gentleman you kept waiting like that, and treated so disrespectfully, is the Earl of Baccarat, Lord Privy Seal, and that he has been obliged to go away, not being able to wait any longer. And next time let me advise you, if you want to keep your place"— Here the door is shut from inside, and I am left to go down the stairs solus.

So the ses-captain with the muffler was the Earl of Baccarat! Why didn't I let him go in before me? In that case he might have given me a post in the Privy Seal Office. If I'd given place to him, would he have given a place to me? How angry Baccarat was with that Usher! Perhaps only natural for a Privy Seal to be wary! Think of going back and repeating joke to Tim, who would appreciate it, I know.

appreciate it, I know.

Console myself with a few weeds. Must really think of some new and practical line. Is the Army a "practical line?" But much too old for that.

ROBERT AT OLYMPIA.

My hentrance to the place was jest a leetle startling, to begin with. I arsked a reel gent at a little winder how much I was to pay, and he sed a shilling; but seeing, I suppose, as I didn't look xactly like a shilling kustomer, he, in the werry kindest manner, gave me a ticket for a reserved seat, which it was No. 54, and which I have kept as a griosity, for it took me into one of the werry best places in the great Sho, and showed me such sites as I fears I shall never be able to propperly describe, and all for a shilling!

Just to begin with there was 3 Clowns, all

Just to begin with, there was 3 Clowns, all in full heavening dress, the same as I wears on grate coasions, and they tumbled over every seat as they cum near, and got rolled up in the carpets, and had to chivy their hats all over the place, till the peeple all roared again; but they never moved a mussell, but looked as grave as Churchwardens.

grave as Churchwardens.

Then we had munkeys a riding races, jist like reel jockeys, except that not one on 'em was gilty of pulling!—suttinly not! There was helifants by the duzzen a doing of their xercise like reel sojers; Kammels by the score, and thurrow bread hosses by the hunderd, and such races with 'em as makes poor Epsom and the New Market hide their deminished heds and blush! Then we had Nights in Chane Armer, and Nights in Steal Armer, and Nights in Gold Armer, almost by the thowsand! Then there was Faries a flying about the Sealing like werry full-grown Doves! and reel live Ladys a warking on the Sealing with their Heds a hanging down, without not seeming to have no hed ake!

Then, just by way of contrast, there was most lovely Lady Dansers

down, without not seeming to have no hed ake!

Then, just by way of contrast, there was most lovely Lady Dansers by the hundred, a dancing about most butiful on the ground, and in such lovely dresses, and so werry becoming, as wood have sumwhat surprized Mr. Mack Doogall, of the Kounty Counsel!

And then again, to show how werry shuperior the Amerrycane dancers is to ours, ewery now and then, when the butifully drest ladies was jest a leetle tired of dancing, they all struck up a jolly chorus, and didn't seem the least bit out of breth!

Going out for a few minutes jist to get a little snack for lunch. I

chorus, and didn't seem the least bit out of breth!

Going out for a few minutes jist to get a little snack for lunch, I wandered into a place I hadn't seen afore, where there was a most bootiful Lady, who looked jest as if she had been cut off at her waste! I stood and I stared at her with perfound estonishment, when presently she smiled at me, and took up her fan and fanned herself, for her breathing showed as she was rayther warm. I didn't like to speak to her, becoz I thort praps she didn't kno my tung, and praps it might have been thort rude, as we had not bin interduced. Presently sum other peeple came up, and so, as I thought it right, I left her. I quite ment to see her again, but wot I saw when I got back to my reserved seat, drove her out of my hed, so I shall have to go again, when I quite means to arsk her how she cum for to lose both her legs, and nearly all her body, poor thing!

And now how can I atempt for to discribe the most wunderfullest site that hever I seed, and, as I werily thinks, as anyboddy else ewer seed, not ewen an hed Waiter?

Ony fancy a percission as doesn't seem not to have no hend, and

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consists of lots of regements of soljers, almost all on horseback, and all wearing such lovely suits of most butiful harmer that, when lited up by the Lectrick light, they flashes away like twenty thousand flashes of real lightning; and then lots of splendid gold cars, sum drawn by horses, sum by helefants, sum by Kamels, one on 'em three story high, with a wicked Hemprer at the top, and drawn by lots of horses, and a lady a holding of a large fan of feathers over his hed, a fannin him if he felt ot, and crowds of dancing Ladies, a dancing away in the middle of the road, and singing all the while, and not at all afraid of being run over, and crowds of other swells all in their best close, as the it never rained in that lucky country, and lots of bands of music a playing away most butiful tunes, the of course I didn't know 'em, as, unfortnately, I never learned Latin when I was at my Parish Skool, and then, all of a sudden, all the grate Citty of Rome is dishcovered to be on fire, and I left in such a state of bewilderment as I didn't recover from till I found I had got into a Pirate Omnibus, who charged me dubble fare, and larfed at me into the bargain.

#### BALLADS OF TO-DAY.

TEDDINGTON LOCK.

By Archie Smiler.

'TIs noon, joyous noontide, by Isleworth clock,
As we speed with the tide up to Teddington Lock.
So fast and so full is the bountiful flood,
Forgotten and hidden are shallows and mud.
The sun flashes up from each eddying

swirl, The trees keep their tresses in crispest of curl; Each glance is a laugh, and each word

is a song, As we strongly and steadily paddle along.

And the pains of the past and the future we mock,
As we urge our light shallop to Teddington Lock.

There's a call, like a blackbird's who sits on a branch,—
The mellow salute of an oncoming launch.
Our shallop discreetly gets out of the way,
As it drives through the water all billows and spray;
And it brays like a donkey, and crows like a cock,
As it proudly precedes us in Teddington Lock.

As it proudly precedes us in Teddington Lock.

Ah! why does my rubicund countenance blanch,
As I scan the white gossamer gowns on the launch?
Is it love that thus claims to be honoured at sight?
Would I woo, would I win, those fair women in white?
No, gladly I'd sink through the floor of the boat,
Regardless of whether the rest of us float.
The sunlight is dulled, there's a nip in the breeze,
And the curl is gone out of the hair of the trees,
And the Lock fills as slowly as ever it can
As I gaze on a waist I no longer may span,
And the past shakes like jelly at memory's knock—
I have met myold sweetheart in Teddington Lock!

She sits as acceptably unconscious and cool

She sits so serenely unconscious and cool,
While I feel like a culprit and look like a fool:
At the blink of her sen I am fain to forget
The captious caprice of the cruel coquette,
And all our fond follies come back in a flock, As I suddenly see her in Teddington Lock.

You may row on the river, or sail on the sea, You may sparkle at dinner or five o'clock tea, You may revel at Ramsgate, or sulk at Southend, You may swagger at Southsea, at Yarmouth unbend, You may crush your fine feelings with business cares, And blight your romance with political airs; But the past springs to light like a jack-in-the-box, When you meet your old sweethearts on launches in locks.

#### OUT WITH "THE QUEEN'S."

MY DEER FRIEND,—Do they think I like being let out of a eart and frightened to death, by being chivied for miles by mounted men, and hounds that are thirsting for my blood? If anybody is of opinion that I personally enjoy the sport for the sport's sake, or for any sake at all, he is labouring under a delusion and should be first locked up, then let out for a run and be pursued by blood-hounds over a difficult country. What I say is—let all those who take part in this eruel unsportsmanlike sport be sent to—Coventry.

Yours, broken-hartedly,

A STRANGE EYE'D DEER.



NEMESIS.

Inquisitive Old Gentleman, "WHO's WON?" First Football Player, "WE'VE LOST!" Inquisitive Old Gentleman, "What have you got in that Bag?" Second Football Player. "THE UMPIRE!"

#### JOSEPH IN EGYPT.

J'y suis et j'y reste—for a time. If the poet PENTAOUR could but see Modern Thebes, he would surely discover a new inspiration in Me! How I pity that epical Copt, whom old RAMERES seemed to retain As a general utility rhymester! His subjects lacked business-like brain, His rhetoric's almost Swinburnian sometimes, but wants "ideation," And what Oscar Wilde calls "Modernity!" Now for complete

incarnation

Of that none need look beyond me. Yet I now find myself—with a (Like an earlier Joseph) set down by the side of the secular Nile.

Extremes really meet in this world; fancy Brummagem, Caucus, and [was a "do," Meeting Memnon,—or was it Amenophis? Humph! They say he
The Vocal One was. Always spoke when the rays of the sun smote
his lips;
[have lent tips.

those priests to our wire-pullers might, had they liked, My,—well, let us say predecessor,—possessed a rly stone in his lap, Which uttered oracular sounds in response to a well-managed tap From the hands of the priests or their myrmidons. Memnon saluted

the Sun,

His father. If they'd had the Caucus in Egypt, the Copts had Yes, history truly "repeats itself." Our Grand Old Memnon at home, He of the fine "flowing tide" (don't he wish it may speedily come?) Responds, as his sycophants think, or pretend, to the "quivering touch."

of Titan's ray"—meaning the dawn of Success. But no, Memon Wire-pullers, political priests, "work the oracle" even at Hawarden.

As once in old Thebes. Humph! An orchid that's cut from an Or lotus-bud culled from Lake Moris—what much, after all, after the day of the state of th

Ah! how ancient Egyptian-and Hebrew-analogies crowd on my

But Memnon or not, I am Joseph, as some of them some day shall My dreams may come true, after all, though my enemies laugh them

to scorn.

Meanwhile, I am very well here—anyhow, till the coming of morn Makes it needful again to be Vocal; for that I ve the eye of a lynx; But until it is really at hand, I will try the old rôle of the Sphinx! Why, what did I say to the Bakers at Birmingham? "Breadwing now." making now

Is very much like what it was some five thousand or more years ago At the time of the Pharaons!" Precisely. And bread-making's not the sole art

not the sole art

That has changed very little since Pharaon's chief baker was playAs a dreamer of dreams. Hawarden's Oracle flouts the Septennial
But I fancy 'tis only because he perceives in that popular pact [Act,
Seven years of Conservative fatness. Ah! well, they are not yet
I'm about.

I'm about.

And what may come after who knows? But, I think I know what Like—well, like the earlier Joseph, the dreamer whose vision came true.

To prepare for the seven years leanness is what, after all, I must do; And Egypt is not a bad place to think over a question like that. And so on the whole I am glad to sit here—where Amenophis sat—Away from the fogs and the fumings; here, where every glance is a feast,

Like Memnon in dignified silence—but keeping my eye on the east!

#### Notes by The Lord Mayor's Fool.

As once in old Thebes. Humph! An orchid that's cut from an Or lotus-bud culled from Lake Mœris—what much, after all, does it matter?

Cohatter! Cohatter! How little our eager "hear-hearers" can gauge the true drift of our Not Memnon, the son of Aurora, am I, nor Amenophis. No! ["Joe." I am he whom the Caucusite lovingly,—not so long since,—would call But my "brethren" just now are less sweet on me. Fancy 'twas I digged the pit [doesn't fit. Into which they have fallen. My coat, many-coloured, they think "This is the effect of being a Liveryman of the City!"



JOSEPH IN EGYPT.

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Captain Steerer, R.N. "Unship that forrard beggar, Johnson, and we'll Tow him home astern!"

#### VENEZUELA.

THE Place to spend a Happy Day!

["United States Consul Plumacher sends to Washington from Venexuels a very remarkable report, especially interesting to students of natural history,"—Brooklyn Eagle, and London Papers.]

OF vermin, on a liberal scale, a Variety has Venezuela; In fact that favoured land must be A School of Natural History! And quite a rising health-resort. Read Consul PLUMACHER'S Report The Student starts with being bled By vampires as he lies in bed, And he will be relieved to know And he will be reneved to know They'll only tackle his big toe. At breakfast time an omelette Of Alligator's eggs he'll get, With (he'll grow of the dainty fond) a Cut from the juicy Anaconda! And when his morning walk he takes, He'll meat some interesting snakes! And when his morning walk he takes,
He'll meet some interesting snakes!
The Boa, inclined to be "constrictive,"
But seldom (till annoyed) vindictive;
The Tiger-snake from "Macaure!"
'Tis easy, from their bite to tell:
The one is deadly, savants state all,
The other's fang is merely fatal.
The Sobadora should amuse him,
(Especially if it pursues him)
For when, as cads would say, it "cope" him,
That aarpint sets to work and whops him!
Its head will superintend the whacking,
Its tail, like any horsewhip, smacking. Is head will superintend the whacking, Its tail, like any horsewhip, smacking. To cool the smart our Student soon Will take a dip in some lagoon; Though he his fate will surely go to seal, should he disturb the grim Gymnotus eel! Incomfortable too will he be, If spotted swimming by "Caribe,"

They're tiny fish, to sharks in greed alike, With double rows of teeth—all needle-like! Should he contrive to gain the shore, His mind he'll turn to insect-lore: His mind he'll turn to insect-iore:
The capture of a Scorpion
May yield him scientific fun,
But cautious handling it will need.
('Tis likewise with the Centipede.) A casual nip from some Tarantula— To use a hybrid phrase—will "plant you là." Next, if no accident he dreads, Next, if no accident he dreads,
He'll interview the quadrupeds;
The Peccary, or native hog,
When tame, is faithful as a dog;
If savage, on the contrary,
It chivies hunters up a tree!
Big apes (they term them "Araguato")
Fill forests with their loud staccato.
There, too, are monkeys "known to Buffon,"
And most who furnish, at the Zoo, fun;
With ardour, too, he will be warming
To find Carnivora are "swarming,"
He'll soon acquire, we may assume, a To find Cornivora are "swarming,"
He'll soon acquire, we may assume, a
Familiar knowledge of the Puma,
Distinguishing the faithful Ounces
From Wildcats, merely by their pounces!
But, Plumacher, a wicked wag you are,
To tell him "not to mind the Jaguar!"
And then, it sounds so braggadocious!
To add—"These beasts are all ferocious."
In our prosaically kept isle,
We only sport one noxious reptile,
Carnivora we have to go
And study at a Wild Beast Show.
And you are the sort of woman that would stay in Court during the Besant trial, in spite of Mr. Baron Huddlessow's remonstrances, are you not?

A. Yes, I suppose I am.
Q. And can you imagine anyone more degraded or horrible?
A. Well, to be frank with you, I cannot!
But there, pray excuse me further attendance, as I wish to see a man sentenced to be hanged!

[The Witness then hurriedly withdress.

MEM. About the Colston Banquers.—I would rather dine at the "Dolphin," where one would be expected to drink like a fish—as they do, I suppose, on "The General Porpoises Committee" in the City—than be invited to the "Anchor" to dine with the Anchorites.

#### LATEST FROM THE LAW COURTS. (A Spinster in the Box.)

Question. How old are you?

Anseer. I really don't know—besides, it a rude to question a Lady.

Q. Will you swear you are under forty?

A. No—but I may be.

Q. Is it not a fact that you will never see

your fiftieth birthday?

your fiftieth birthday?

A. So I have been told.

Q. Have you ever had an offer of marriage?

A. Never—to my knowledge.

Q. Is it not true that you are one of the ugliest of your sex?

A. So it has been said by other Ladies.

Q. Ladies! That is the second time you have used that expression. Will you swear that "females" would not be the better word? word ?

word?

A. Well, perhaps it might.
Q. And you are the sort of woman that would stay in Court during the Besant trial, in spite of Mr. Baron Huddlestow's remonstration was remonstrated.

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" EXCLUSIVE."

Our Philanthropist (who often takes the Shilling Gallery-to his Neighbour).

ONLY A MIDDLING HOUSE,"

Unwashed Artisan. "AY-THAT SIXPENCE EXIRY, 'RATHER HEAVY FOR THE
LIKES O' HUZ, Y'ANOW. BUT THERE'S ONE THING-IT KEEPS OUT THE RIFF-RAFF!!

#### A MEDICAL OWL.

[An Owl has taken up his abode in a tree at Guy's Hospital]

Aw Owl seen at Guy's! We may surely surmise,
That the bird of Minerva seeks knowledge;
And comes to the place to find favour and grace
At the hands of the men of that college.
They may say, "It's absurd to encourage this bird,"
Like the hero of Lear's famed fasciculus;
But why that should be so we really can't see,
There are many things far more ridiculous.

No man can deny that, in ages gone by, The Owl for his wisdom was famous: This bird may aspire, with a clinic desire, In medical culture to shame us. At the lectures we feel he will certes reveal Strict attention, in every attitude; With a wink in his eye (Do owls wink, by the bye?) When Professors indulge in a platitude.

Minerva we know, in the ages ago, Was the patron of physic concoctors; Why should not the Owl, as the goddess's fowl, Be enrolled on the list of our Doctors? Let us see that he gains the result of his pains;
Make him free of each medical mystery;
Till we hail Strix M.D., as he sits on the tree,
To practise,—the first time in history!

#### ROD AND (HARD) LINES.

MR. JUSTICE MARK (in giving judgment for himself and Mr. Justice Wonns) said: "This is a case in which we are asked to give our judicial decision as to whether caning is, or is not, a suitable punishment to inflict on boys. I school-master is charged with assault, for having caneds recalcitrant scholar on the hand; and the Learned Counsel for the Defendant naturally asks—If a boy may not be caned on the hand, where may he be caned? What, then, is the ideal punishment we should be disposed to recommend? My learned Brother and myself have come to the conclusion, that if a boy who had offended were made to read twenty pages of the 'Law Reports,' he would never commit the offence again. Flagrant case of insubordination might involve a perusal of Coks on Lyttleton, or even attendance at this Court for a whole day to listen to the proceedings. We—and we think boys as well—would prefer this system to either of the two methods which the Learned Counsel has humorously described as the 'palm-oil' and the 'switch-back" plan. The Defendant is discharged."

STATESMEN AT HOME.

DCXXXV. The Marquis of Hartinoton at Devonshire House. As you descend from your 'bus in Piccadilly, pleased to hand the attendant conductor the penny he modestly demands, you observe on the right-hand side (going up) a high brick wall, once red in hue, but now held in the grip of the smoke of London. Passing between the jambs of a fifteenth century doorway, you find yourself in the great of Devonshire House. Although the date 1379 still lingers on the principal tower, the mansion, where the heir to the dukedom of Devonshire lives when in town, is not of great antiquity. It stands on the site of Berkeley House, built in 1658 by Sir John Serret.) Here Querry Arms I well before she died. In 1698, she quarrelled with William the Third, and, fearful for her young life, escaped to Berkeley House, here she dwelt with Lady Marthorough for sole companion, and your host presently shows you a relie of the staircase, ever put the anxious question, "Sister Anne! Sister Anne! Do you see anyone coming?" There is a break in your host voice as he tells how the years passed, and finally came the Dake of Marthorough with news that William and Mary were dead, childless, and haied this last member of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the France of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the France of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the France of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Btant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the France of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond and grandaughter of the Stant Family, daughter of James The Scond



the eye, you fancy you discern traces of the lineaments of your genial host. In the Green Drawing-room is one of Salvator Rosa's ment to the Dining-room. You make a feint of lingering under the primest pictures—"Jacob's Dream." You have just time to note Ladder, but, passing on, have time to note that, though the day is that the angels ascending and descending are poised upon the ladder wearing towards one o'clock, there is no white cloth on the comfortable

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cosy table, which stands erect on four legs, the light from a coal fire flashing here and there adown its manogany limbs. Your host leads you round the room, pointing out on the walls the various Vandykes. Here is Margaret, Countees of Carlisle, and her little daughter; here Eugeria Clana Isabella, daughter of Philip the fourth, of Spain, widow of the Archduke Aleret; and here Lord Strafford, happily taken previous to his execution, which affords you opportunity of noticing his massive jaw, his curling whiskers, and his haughty brow. Your host will presently take you across the hall into the Blue Velvet Room, where you notice Murillo's "Infant Moses"—a chubby little boy, seated, proud delight gleaming in his eye at the discovery that he has five toes to each foot. On the opposite wall, Guido Rent's "Perseus' and Andromeda." Standing under this, while "Joe," the long-haired Maltess terrier, and "Randy." the London waif, curl themselves up comfortably on the hearth-rug, their owner, with a ring of a Grand Master of the Drury Lane Lodge on his finger, tells you the story of his life.

The Cavendish history goes back further than the bold Baron Cavendish history goes back further than the bold Baron Cavendish history goes back further than the bold Baron Cavendish history goes back further than the bold baron the Councils of the reigning sovereign. Your host points proudly to the great seal that dangles from his waist, carrying the arms of the Family. You have scarcely time to notice the three bucks'-heads cabossed, argent, when your host calls your attention to the creat, a serpent nowed, proper, supported by two bucks, proper, each wreathed round the neck with a chaplet of roses, alternately, argent, and azure. "You see, Tosy," says your host, "we were always for Union." You pleasantly suggest, that your host probably does not include matrimonial union. Spencer Compton Cavendish, painted by Sir Joshua Rexnolds in the very prime of his power. You are about to explain your joke when the sight of his carriage out am

#### FISTS AND CLOVES; OR, THE OLD STYLE AND THE NEW. THE PAST.



Pelican Club

removed by a skilful surgeon. For the rest, his broken right arm was beginning at length to regain its pristine position.

"Has he come?"

asked the sick-almostunto-death bruiser, as eth. "Has he come?"

well as he could minus three-fourths of his teeth. Then entered his patron, who, placing in his hands a bank-note, exclaimed, "You have deserved it, my lad! Six hours' hard fighting with your fists is enough for any one!"
"Five pounds!" murmured the nearly dying prize-fighter; and, with a sigh of intense relief, he fainted away for joy!

#### THE FUTURE.

The boxer was smoking a cigarette at his Club and sipping a lemonsquash. He paused for a moment to adjust a piece of sticking-plaster, about the size of a three-penny-piece, on the little finger of

plaster, about the size of a three-penny-piece, on the little finger of his left hand.

"Just my luck!" he growled; "just my luck! I always get knocked about when I put on the gloves!"

He lighted another cigarette, and, taking out the gardenia from his button-hole, inhaled its perfume.

"Will Dirchwater never come?" he continued. "Surely an appointment with me is more important than 'a debate in the Lords." At this moment the Duke entered, and, bowing to the boxer, with some hesitation placed in that gentleman's hands a cheque.

"Oh, mi! What's this? Hi! here!" shouted the indignant puglist. "I was at it with the gloves for nearly seven minutes, scratched my little finger taking 'em off, and you haven't given me more—hang me!—than a thousand pounds!" And uttering an expression of intense diagust, he absolutely swore!

FORTHCOMING WORK.—The Larks for Lunatics. By the Author of The Canaries for Consumptives.



### A (LAW) COURT LADY.

A (LAW) COURT LADY.

I LIKE to listen to—well all that sort
Of thing one wouldn't hear except in Court.
I'm of the class that's "privileged." The Judge
Can't turn me out of Court, so I don't budge,
But sit to hear wigg'd barristers with three tails
Describe what journals call "disgusting details,"
At which, next day, they scarcely dare to hint.
So, being deprived of reading it in print,
I go to Court to hear what I can't read,
And I enjoy it very much indeed.
Yet there may come a day (forbid the thought!)
When rudely I may be "ruled out of Court."
Public opinion is a strong sledge-hammerer,
I may be crushed, and cases heard in camera, Public opinion is a strong sledge-hammerer,
I may be crushed, and cases heard in camerá,
As was a recent one we know. But then, man,
The Baron, bless him! doesn't rule like DENMAN.
When there's another like this last, or near it,
I, as a lady, hope that I may hear it.
And if the Baron's there the sex to chaff,
He'll be satirical, and we shall laugh.

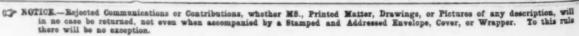
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(Financial Independent.)

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FATHER OF A FAMILY.—Sulphates have again been depressed by the bears, but we advise you to hold on. The well-known financier who rules the market has just bought a new country-house, and it is we think rightly reinted out that this vorted a symething roof.

known financier who rules the market has just bought a new country-house, and An Inquiry for Bar Silver. it is, we think, rightly pointed out that this portends something good. A COUNTRY CLERGYMAN.—We hear well of two Mining ventures. One, the Sweet Hope Mine, has bought a farm, about eight miles west of the famed Josephsburg gold-field. Surveys have shown that the estate is in a direct line with the run of the reef at Josephsburg. The vendors have been generous enough to take \$90,000 out of the £100,000 capital in cash, thus leaving the public the benefit of any increment in value. The second is a more ambitious undertaking. Mr. Doem Brown, the vendor, has discovered that the Nile, at a certain spot at present kept secret, contains gold in its bed. By a simple process—also a secret—the Nile Diversion Company will divert the river into a new course for a few miles, and thus obtain possession of a rich gold-field. The first issue of capital will be £1,000,000, and is sure to be largely over-subscribed.





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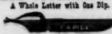
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